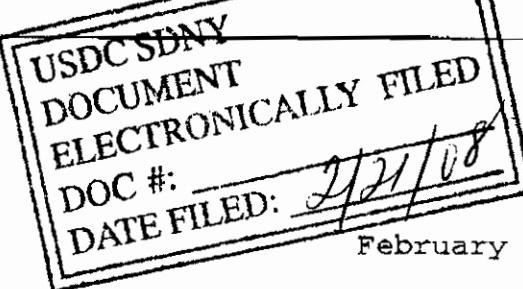


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Re: United States v. William Ruiz
07 Cr. 917 (LAP)

The Hon. Judge Preska:

As counsel of record for William Ruiz I am writing to request that time between today and the next court date be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 3161(h)(8)(A). Excluding time will best serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it will allow the defense and the government to work out a disposition in this matter. Thank you.

*Accordingly time is
excluded until Feb 28,
2008*

Sincerely,

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SO ORDERED

Loretta A. Preska

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CC: Assistant United States Attorney Mark Lanpher (via email)

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